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CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROGRAMS

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today announced that Christmas tree recycling programs are available across Monroe County at no charge to residents. Residents are encouraged to recycle their Christmas trees instead of disposing of them in local landfills.

"Recycling Christmas trees is a valuable service that our local municipalities provide residents," said Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks. *"We all can do our part to help preserve landfill space by recycling Christmas trees."*

The recycled Christmas trees are ground into wood chips for use as landscape mulch. Residents are asked to remove all decorations, plastic bags, wires, and nails from trees to avoid damaging equipment and assure high quality landscape mulch.

Some drop-off locations offer wood chips to participating residents for use in their own gardens. Where chipping is available, residents should check with their municipality for give back programs – and bring their own containers.

A list of local Christmas tree recycling drop-off locations, instructions, and hours of operation are attached. The list is also available on the Monroe County website at www.monroecounty.gov, under Department of Environmental Services.